

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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| Incident Information | | | | | | | | | | |
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| URN: 9 1 0 - 0 0 8 6 7 - 5 1 0 0 - 0 5 4 | | | | | Date: 7/31/10 | | Time: 1230 hours | | | |
| Location: | | 441 Bauchet Street | | | City or Station: | | Los Angeles | | | |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: | | Men's Central Jail Visiting Area | | | Admin. Investigation: | | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| Type of Force: | | Significant Force - Skeletal Fracture, right upper arm | | | | | | | | |
| Deputy Injury : YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Suspect Injury YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation | | <input type="checkbox"/> Detail | | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit | | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit | | |
| IAB Notified: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | Person Notified: | | Lt. Fredericks | | Emp: [REDACTED] | | IAB Roll Out: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Involved Employee | | | | | | | | | | |
| E1 | Employee # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Perez, III | | First Name | | Elizario | |
| | Sex: | | Race: | | Unit of Assignment: | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | H | | Men's Central Jail | | Visiting Area | | | |
| | Shift: | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: 38 | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM | | | | | | | | Height: 5' 7" | |
| | | | | | | | | Weight: 190 | | |
| | | | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | |
| | | | | | | | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | | | | | | Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E2 | Employee # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Aronson | | First Name | | John | |
| | Sex: | | Race: | | Unit of Assignment: | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | W | | Men's Central Jail | | Visiting Area | | | |
| | Shift: | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: 38 | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM | | | | | | | | Height: 5' 8" | |
| | | | | | | | | Weight: 172 | | |
| | | | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | |
| | | | | | | | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | | | | | | Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E3 | Employee # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Womack | | First Name | | Noel | |
| | Sex: | | Race: | | Unit of Assignment: | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | W | | Men's Central Jail | | Visiting Area | | | |
| | Shift: | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift | | <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | Age: 32 | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM | | | | | | | | Height: 6' 4" | |
| | | | | | | | | Weight: 260 | | |
| | | | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | |
| | | | | | | | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | | | | | | Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Involved Employees | | | | | | | | | | |
| On Duty Supervisor | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Gonzalez | | First Name | | Eric | | |
| | | | | | | Middle Name | | | | |
| | | | | | | Rank | | Sgt. | | |
| | | | | | | Present | | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | | | | Witness to Incident | | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Emp. # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | |
| | | | | | | Middle Name | | | | |
| | | | | | | Rank | | | | |
| | | | | | | Present | | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | | | | | | Witness to Incident | | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Watch Sergeant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Conley Jr. | | First Name | | Richard | | |
| | | | | | | Middle Name | | | | |
| Watch Commander | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emp. # [REDACTED] | | Last Name | | Limon | | First Name | | Robin | | |
| | | | | | | Middle Name | | | | |

Watch Commander (Print Name)

Sergeant Laura Haynes

Supervisor Completing Form: (Print Name)

Watch Commander's Signature:

[REDACTED]

Emp #:

Copy Provided to Employee by:

Emp #:

Date

Emp #:

Unit Commander (Print Name)

Unit Commander's Signature:

Emp #:

Date

DISCOVERY Use Only

FO# 2271276

Original: Discovery Unit

Copy: Unit Commander

SH-R-438P (Rev. 07/08)

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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| Suspect Information | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---|---|----------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Last Name | | Figueroa | | First Name | | Leo | | Middle Name | |
| AKA Last Name | | Frayjo | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | |
| Sex: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | H | Street Address: | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | |
| Work Phone: | | None Given | | Home Phone: | | Age: | | 41 | |
| | | | | | | Height: | | 5' 11" | |
| | | | | | | D.O.B. | | 03-06-70 | |
| | | | | | | Weight: | | 250 | |
| | | | | | | Armed? | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Booking #: | | 2423459 | | Primary Charge Code: | | 69 P.C. | | Secondary Charge Code: | |
| | | | | | | 415(2) P.C. | | Criminal History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| EMT in attendance? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | Liu and Gatlin | | Unit: | |
| | | | | | | 804 | | Phone #: | |
| Hospital Admission? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: | | LCMC | | Coroner Case #: | |
| | | | | | | | | Mental History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| By Doctor: | | Chu-Hsiang Chi | | Address: | | 1200 North State Street | | Phone #: | |
| | | | | | | | | 323-226-4563 | |
| Under Influence: | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | | Substance: | | | | Mental Illness | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Suspect Interview | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|--|-------|--|------|--|---|--|
| Date: | | 07-31-10 | | Time: | | 1300 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS | |

| Suspect Information | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|--|---------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | |
| AKA Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | |
| Sex: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | | Street Address: | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | |
| Work Phone: | | | | Home Phone: | | Age: | | | |
| | | | | | | Height: | | | |
| | | | | | | D.O.B. | | | |
| | | | | | | Weight: | | | |
| | | | | | | Armed? | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Booking #: | | | | Primary Charge Code: | | | | Secondary Charge Code: | |
| | | | | | | | | Criminal History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| EMT in attendance? | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | | | Unit: | |
| | | | | | | | | Phone #: | |
| Hospital Admission? | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: | | | | Coroner Case #: | |
| | | | | | | | | Mental History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| By Doctor: | | | | Address: | | | | Phone #: | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Under Influence: | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Substance: | | | | Mental Illness: | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Suspect Interview | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date: | | | | Time: | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries: <input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS | |

| Suspect Information | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|--|---------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | |
| AKA Last Name | | | | First Name | | | | Middle Name | |
| Sex: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | | Street Address: | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | |
| Work Phone: | | | | Home Phone: | | Age: | | | |
| | | | | | | Height: | | | |
| | | | | | | D.O.B. | | | |
| | | | | | | Weight: | | | |
| | | | | | | Armed? | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Booking #: | | | | Primary Charge Code: | | | | Secondary Charge Code: | |
| | | | | | | | | Criminal History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| EMT in attendance? | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Name: | | | | Unit: | |
| | | | | | | | | Phone #: | |
| Hospital Admission? | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Rec'd Treatment At: | | | | Coroner Case #: | |
| | | | | | | | | Mental History | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| By Doctor: | | | | Address: | | | | Phone #: | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Under Influence: | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | Substance: | | | | Mental Illness | |
| | | | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

| | | | |
|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Emp. # | Last Name Zunggeemoge | First Name Pantamytr | Middle Name |
| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |

Non-Employee Witnesses

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |

☐ Additional Witness

91 - 00867 - 5100 - 04

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation
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| Involved Employee | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|------------|--|----------------|--|--|--|
| E 4 | Employee # | Last Name | | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| | | Irvin | | | Jesse | | | | | |
| | Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: W | Unit of Assignment: Men's Central Jail | | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Visiting Area | | | | |
| | Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | | Age: 29 | Height: 5' 9" | Weight: 192 | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: _____ | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E _ | Employee # | Last Name | | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | | |
| | Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | | Age: | Height: | Weight: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: _____ | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E _ | Employee # | Last Name | | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | | |
| | Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | | Age: | Height: | Weight: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: _____ | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E _ | Employee # | Last Name | | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | | |
| | Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | | Age: | Height: | Weight: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: _____ | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| E _ | Employee # | Last Name | | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | | | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | | | | |
| | Shift: <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> PM | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Shift <input type="checkbox"/> OT Shift <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty | | | Age: | Height: | Weight: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Hospital: _____ | | | | | | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Force <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Investigative Summary

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
USE OF FORCE REVIEW SUMMARY
IAB #FO2271276
URN #910-00867-5100-054**

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Involved Employee(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Elizario Perez III, # [REDACTED] Takedown, Control Hold, Personal Weapons (fist)• Deputy John Aronson # [REDACTED] Control Hold, Resisted Handcuffing• Deputy Noel Womack # [REDACTED] Control Hold, Resisted Handcuffing• Deputy Jesse Irvin # [REDACTED] Control Hold |
| Employee Witness | Deputy Pantamytr Zunggeemoge, # [REDACTED] |
| Suspect: | Leo Figueroa, MH/41, DOB: 03-06-70 Booking #2423459 |
| Date: | July 31, 2010 (Saturday) |
| Time: | 1230 hours |
| Location: | 441 Bauchet Street Los Angeles, 90012 |

OPENING STATEMENT:

On-call Internal Affairs Bureau personnel assumed the handle on a force investigation after learning that a suspect had sustained a fracture to his left arm during contact with deputy personnel. The incident was related as follows:

At approximately 1230 hours on July 31, 2010, Mens Central Jail personnel were working the outside visiting area of the jail. Suspect Figueroa approached deputy personnel and requested a visit with his brother, who is housed at the jail. The suspect's request to visit his brother was denied because the brother was housed in the jail discipline dorm. Suspect Figueroa left the jail for a short time.

Approximately one hour later, Suspect Figueroa returned to the visiting area of the jail and approached Deputies Elizario Perez and John Aronson. Suspect Figueroa again demanded to see his brother. When his demands were not met, Figueroa became both verbally and physically aggressive, as evidenced by his yelling, "This is a conspiracy, my brother is not a criminal," and pointing his finger at Deputy Perez' face. When ordered to leave, Suspect Figueroa replied, "Fuck you, I'm not leaving, you need to listen to me," and he then attempted to push past the deputies.

Deputy Perez grabbed the suspect's right arm, but the suspect broke free by twisting his own arm and pulling it out of Perez' grasp. Deputy Perez then grabbed the suspect's left arm and shoulder, while Deputy Aronson grabbed the suspect's right arm. They attempted to place the suspect's arms behind his back, but the suspect's much larger size prevented them from doing so. Deputy Perez was able to push the suspect to the ground, using his body weight, which caused the suspect to fall face down.

Despite the assistance of two additional deputies (Womack and Irvin), the suspect was able to push himself up off the ground using his right arm. Deputy Perez responded by punching the suspect once in the face. This tactic seemed effective as the suspect became momentarily dazed, and the deputies successfully handcuffed him.

The suspect was transported to Los Angeles County Medical Center where hours later they determined the suspect's left upper arm was fractured.

IAB NOTE: Suspect Figueroa was charged with Resisting and Obstructing an Executive Officer, 69 P.C., Trespassing, 602 (o) (1) P.C., and Disturbing the Peace, 415 (2) P.C. The case was presented to the City Attorney for filing by Detective Armand Villagomez of the Jail Investigation Unit. A hearing date was set for August 31, 2010 but Suspect Figueroa did not attend and the case was closed.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Perez, Elizario
Custody Operations Division
Men's Central Jail (Visiting area)

Work History:

Date of Employment: 06-27-07
Date Assigned to Custody: [REDACTED]
Completed Custody Training: [REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Aronson, John
Custody Operations Division
Men's Central Jail (Visiting area)

Work History:

Date of Employment: 06-06-07
Date Assigned to Custody: [REDACTED]
Completed Custody Training: [REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Womack, Noel
Custody Operations Division
Men's Central Jail (Visiting area)

Work History:

Date of Employment: 03-27-06
Date Assigned to Custody: [REDACTED]
Completed Custody Training: [REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Irvin, Jesse
Custody Operations Division
Men's Central Jail (Visiting area)

Work History:

Date of Employment: 12-17-08
Date Assigned to Custody: [REDACTED]
Completed Custody Training: [REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

SUSPECT:

Figueroa, Leo MH/41 Booking #2423459

[REDACTED]

EMPLOYEE WITNESS:

Zunggeemoge, Pantamytr
Custody Operations Division
Men's Central Jail(Visiting area)

Work History:

Date of Employment: 02-12-07

Date Assigned to Custody: [REDACTED]

Completed Custody Training: [REDACTED]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [REDACTED]

Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [REDACTED]

INJURIES:

No Deputies were injured during this incident.

Suspect Figueroa sustained a humeral oblique fracture of his left arm (Refer to Suspect Figueroa's medical records and video of Suspect interview with Watch Commander Lieutenant Conley depicting Suspect's injuries in **Miscellaneous section** of this case file).

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

There was no notable physical evidence related to this incident.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants did not respond to the Use of Force incident. Initially it was being handled and investigated by Custody supervisors until it was determined Suspect Figueroa sustained a fracture to his left arm during contact with deputy personnel.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Personal weapons, hands and feet.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

No property was damaged during this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED:

INVESTIGATOR'S NAME - Detective Armand Villagomez
COURT - City Attorney Office, Attorney Rood
CHARGES - 69 P.C., 602 (o)(1)P.C., 415(2)P.C.
COURT DATE - August 31, 2010

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Lighting and weather conditions consistent with a sunny July summer day, 80 degrees in Los Angeles at 1240 hours in the afternoon.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS:

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the recorded interview and verbatim transcript.

Deputy Elizario Perez:

Deputy Perez was interviewed on August 19, 2010 at Men's Central Jail, in the Sergeant's Office by Sergeant Laura Haynes of the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Perez waived his right to have representation during the interview.

Deputy Perez described working the front platform area of visiting front with Deputy Aronson (Refer to **Exhibit A**, copy of a photograph of front platform area of visiting). He stated Suspect Figueroa, whom he described as a "large male," approached him and Deputy Aronson, speaking in a loud voice, and was very agitated regarding his brother's incarceration. Deputy Perez said he told the suspect to calm down and stop yelling because he was creating a disturbance. Suspect Figueroa ignored Deputy Perez and raised his hands in a manner that Deputy Perez described as palms out facing Deputy Perez, as if he was going to push past the deputies and enter the interior lobby area of visiting front. At the time of this incident Deputy Perez said there were between 40-60 people waiting for their visits. While Deputy Perez was addressing the suspect, he could see the large crowd was now watching Suspect Figueroa's aggressive behavior toward the Deputies. Deputy Perez realized he had to remove Suspect Figueroa from the situation and advised the suspect several times to back away and leave the area or he would be arrested for trespassing. Suspect Figueroa said "Fuck you" and closed the distance between the two to approximately one foot. Deputy Perez raised his left hand toward the suspect to back him off, but Suspect Figueroa did not back away and refused to leave as ordered.

Deputy Perez made the decision that the suspect would be arrested, and advised him to turn around and place his hands behind his back because he was now going to be arrested for trespassing. Deputy Perez grabbed Suspect Figueroa by the right hand and he spun out of the deputy's grasp, yelling, "Fuck You. You can't arrest me." Deputy Perez lost his grasp on the suspect's right hand. Deputy Perez said once the suspect spun around, he grabbed Suspect Figueroa's left arm and shoulder. With the assistance of Deputy Aronson they took the suspect down to the ground.

Suspect Figueroa landed on his stomach and had his left arm and hand underneath his body. Suspect Figueroa used his right arm to push himself off the ground. Deputy Perez punched the suspect once in the facial area to stop him from overpowering the deputies and gaining the upper hand. Deputy Perez said the punch seemed to be effective. At that time Deputies Womack and Irvin arrived and assisted Deputy Perez in handcuffing Suspect Figueroa (Refer to **Exhibit B** for copy of SH-R-49 report written by Deputy Perez documenting use of force).

IAB Note: Deputy Perez said although there were between 40-60 people in the outside visiting area at the time of the Use of Force, only three witnesses were identified and agreed to be interviewed (Refer to Deputy Aronson's Supplemental Report **Exhibit C** for those statements).

Deputy John Aronson:

Deputy Aronson was working with Deputy Perez at visiting front. He recalls observing Suspect Figueroa approach Deputy Perez and after a few minutes heard Suspect Figueroa begin raising his voice and "flailing his hands in the air, shouting that he needed to get a visit." Deputy Aronson said Deputy Perez ordered Suspect Figueroa to calm down, lower his voice and step back from Deputy Perez. Deputy Aronson said Suspect Figueroa ignored Deputy Perez' orders and continued creating a disturbance so Deputy Perez told him he had to leave. Suspect Figueroa responded by yelling, "Fuck you I'm not leaving."

Deputy Aronson said he walked next to Deputy Perez because Suspect Figueroa "raised his arms above his chest and began to again take steps toward Deputy Perez." Deputy Aronson said he believed Suspect Figueroa was going to assault Deputy Perez. Deputy Perez advised Suspect Figueroa he was under arrest, and to turn around and place his hands behind his back. Deputy Aronson said, "Suspect Figueroa refused to turn around and tried to push past him." Deputy Aronson said Deputy Perez grabbed Suspect Figueroa's right arm, but Suspect Figueroa spun around breaking free from Deputy Perez. Deputy Aronson immediately grabbed Suspect Figueroa's right arm trying to control him but "due to Suspect Figueroa's much larger size and strength," he was unable to gain control of him.

Deputy Aronson said as tried to control Suspect Figueroa's right arm and place his hands behind his back, "Suspect Figueroa was moving me around as if I was not even holding on to his arm." Deputy Aronson said Deputy Perez then took the suspect to the ground, and the suspect landed on his left side. Suspect Figueroa immediately tried to push off the ground with his right arm. Deputy Aronson placed his knees on the suspect's right lower back to keep the suspect on the ground. The suspect continued to resist the deputies and Deputy Aronson saw Deputy Perez punch the suspect one time in the face. Deputy Womack arrived on scene and he and Deputy Aronson were able to force the suspect's arms behind his back. Deputy Perez handcuffed Suspect Figueroa. (Refer to **Exhibit C** for Supplemental Report written by Deputy Aronson documenting use of force).

IAB Note: Deputy Aronson said, "As Suspect Figueroa was being handcuffed, he yelled loudly that he was Code Four."

Deputy Noel Womack:

Deputy Womack said while working visiting he responded to Deputy Zunggeemoge's radio traffic of a deputy involved in a fight. Once outside, he saw Deputies Aronson and Perez struggling with Suspect Figueroa on the ground. Deputy Womack said he saw Deputy Aronson trying to force the suspect's right arm behind his back. Deputy Womack assisted Deputy Aronson on the suspect's right side and together they were able to force his right arm behind his back. He said Deputy Perez was able to force his left arm behind his back and Suspect Figueroa was handcuffed. Deputy Womack could not recall who handcuffed the suspect (Refer to **Exhibit D** for Supplemental Report written by Deputy Womack documenting use of force).

IAB Note: Deputy Womack said once the suspect was handcuffed he recalled him yelling, "I'm Code Four."

Deputy Jesse Irvin:

Deputy Irvin said as he and Deputy Zunggeemoge were walking to visiting front to relieve Deputies Perez and Aronson, he heard a male voice yelling, "Stop fighting, give up your hands." Upon running outside, he saw Deputies Perez and Aronson struggling on the ground with Suspect Figueroa. Deputy Irvin said as he ran to assist he saw Suspect Figueroa attempting to push off the ground. He ordered Suspect Figueroa to stop fighting and pushed down on the suspect's upper back area forcing him to stay down. Deputy Irvin said, "It took three deputies to force Suspect Figueroa's arms behind his back after a long violent struggle."

Deputy Irvin said at 1145 hours while he was processing visiting passes, Suspect Figueroa had approached him stating he wanted to visit his brother.

When Deputy Irvin ran a check to see where he was housed, it revealed Suspect Figueroa's brother was in discipline housing where visits are not allowed. Deputy Irvin said he explained this to Suspect Figueroa who began raising his voice at Deputy Irvin demanding to know his brother's release date. Deputy Irvin explained there was no release date as of yet, and until he is released from discipline housing he would not be allowed a visit. Deputy Irvin said Suspect Figueroa continued to yell but left the visiting area, only to return later (Refer to **Exhibit E** for Supplemental Report written by Deputy Irvin documenting use of force).

IAB Note: Deputy Irvin said, "During the struggle, I believe I heard Suspect Figueroa yell, "I'm Code Four, I'm Code Four, no assistance needed."

Deputy Pantamytr Zunggeemoge:

Deputy Zunggeemoge said he and Deputy Irvin were walking to relieve the visiting front Deputies Perez and Aronson, when he saw them fighting on the ground with a fairly large male. Deputy Zunggeemoge said he saw the people outside waiting for visits begin to advance on the deputies, so he immediately transmitted radio traffic of deputy involved in a fight. Once outside he stood between the deputies struggling with Suspect Figueroa and the crowd of onlookers.

Deputy Zunggeemoge said while Deputies Perez, Aronson, and Irvin tried to handcuff the suspect, Deputy Womack arrived and assisted in gaining control of the suspect. Deputies Womack and Irvin were down toward the suspect's lower extremity area controlling his legs. Deputy Zunggeemoge said, "It took four deputies in a violent struggle to force Suspect Figueroa's arms behind his back." While controlling the onlookers, he heard the suspect yell, "Code Four. Code Four." By the time he turned around the suspect was on his feet being escorted away.

IAB Note: Deputy Zunggeemoge explained at approximately 1015 hours, while working visiting front, Suspect Figueroa approached him demanding to visit his brother (Refer to **Exhibit F** for copy of Deputy supplemental report). When Deputy Zunggeemoge told Suspect Figueroa he had to wait in line like everyone else, Suspect Figueroa yelled, "I want to see my brother right now." Deputy Zunggeemoge reiterated to Suspect Figueroa to wait his turn, but the suspect walked away only to return and challenge Deputy Perez. When Deputy Zunggeemoge saw Deputies involved in a fight in visiting front and ran to assist, he recognized Suspect Figueroa from his previous contact with him.

WITNESSES STATEMENTS:

Three witnesses were identified and interviewed by Deputy Aronson after the incident **(Refer to Exhibit C for witness statements)**. Two witnesses described the guy as being "disrespectful and yelling at deputies," and one witness said when she looked up from reading the bible she "saw a man on the ground," possibly being handcuffed.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

Suspect Figueroa was interviewed on videotape by Sergeant Gonzalez and Lieutenant Conley shortly after his arrest **(Refer to Miscellaneous Section for interview of Suspect on CD)**. He denied becoming agitated with the deputies at visiting. He described being frustrated at the inability to visit his brother whom he told deputy personnel was "mentally ill, not a criminal." Suspect Figueroa was questioned why he continued to demand to visit his brother after the deputies explained his brother was in discipline housing and not allowed visits. Suspect Figueroa said he has been "getting the run around" and denied trying to push past deputies.

When Suspect Figueroa was questioned why he was using the terminology of "Code 4" he said he was studying to become a police officer.